in prices. However, prices of oil in the international market are highly volatile and are subject to wide fluctuation. The Oil prices trend in the international prices has an impact on our import bill and the domestic prices.

**Price of Petro Products in India and Neighbouring Countries**

3040. SHRI RAMCHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a large difference in the prices of petroleum products between India and neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) The prices of major petroleum products in India and neighbouring countries collected from the respective market sources by the Oil Coordination Committee, as on 07-4-2000, are as under :

| Country | LPG | | MS | | ATF | | Diesel | | Kerosene | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (Rs. /kg) | % | (Rs./Lr.) | % | (Rs./Lr.) | % | (Rs./Lr.) | % | (Rs./Lr.) | % |
| Pakistan | 15.97 | 115 | 24.80 | 95 | 9.40 | 55 | 10.76 | 77 | 9.46 | 173 |
| Bangla-desh | 17.06 | 123 | 17.91 | 69 | 13.78 | 80 | 11.05 | 79 | 11.05 | 202 |
| Sri Lanka | 16.62 | 120 | 29.60 | 114 | 12.10 | 70. | 12.73 | 91 | 9.12 | 167 |
| India (N.Delhi) | 13.84 | 100 | 26.07 | 100 | 17.20 | 100 | 14.04 | 100 | 5.46 | 100 |

**Opening of Retail Outlets of MS/HSD in Punjab**

3041. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has requested the Central Government to open retail outlets of MS/HSD at focal points set up by State Government at various locations in the State;

(b) if so, the focal points identified for the purpose; and

(c) by when the outlets are likely to be opened ?